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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *December 31, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended December 28, 1901.

Ten vessels were inspected during the week, 400 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 494 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected. The usual precautions were taken with the cargo, except the routine inspection of that destined to Honolulu, which was impossible through lack of time. The last three weeks have been particularly busy ones. The disinfecting force has been increased by "the disinfecting bureau," but this in no way lessens the necessity of personal supervision. No cases of quarantinable disease were reported in the colony during the week, and but 2 cases of enteric fever. This is the healthiest season of the year in Hongkong, and at present but few deaths are reported.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *January 6, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station for the week ended January 4, 1902. Twelve vessels were inspected during the week, 671 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 799 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected. One bill of health was issued to the Russian battleship *Sissoi Vilekij* without inspection on a certificate from the senior medical officer regarding the sanitary condition of the ship. One case of plague and 1 case of diphtheria were reported in the colony during the week, otherwise there were no communicable diseases.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *January 14, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this port during the week ended January 11, 1902. Six vessels were inspected during the week, 367 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 432 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected. No cases of communicable disease were reported in the colony during the week.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.